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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the *Notice of Allowance* and *Issue Fee Due* document and *Notice of Allowability* of May 13, 1999. A supplemental *Notice of Allowability* is requested for the reasons provided below.

The *Notice of Allowability* of May 13, 1999 acknowledges the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, but does not acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority applications. All of the priority documents were filed in parent application Serial No. 07/091,770 on November 20, 1987.

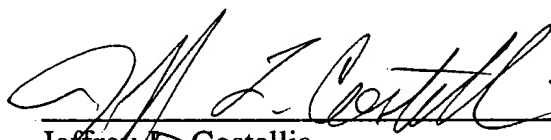
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Further, the Examiner evidenced consideration of the references cited in the *Information Disclosure Statement* (IDS) filed April 26, 1999 by providing an initialed Form PTO-1449 with the *Notice of Allowability*.

Applicants, however, also included with the IDS of April 26, 1999 a corrected page 5 of the Form PTO-1449 filed with the IDS of November 10, 1998. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner evidence consideration of the corrected entries for the NIKKEI MICRODEVICES and Wang et al. articles provided in bold on the corrected page 5. A further copy of the corrected page 5 is provided herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a supplemental *Notice of Allowability* to acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority applications and to provide an initialed Form PTO-1449 for page 5 of the November 10, 1998 IDS.

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